

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is joining the Nation in declaring November as Family Caregivers Month 2008 to honor and support the tremendous contributions family caregivers make every day and to spotlight the fact that most people who need care rely on family and friends for their support; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, almost one in two adult North Carolinians are caring for someone with a memory disorder, and more than one in four are caring for a person over age 60; and the number of people age 70 and above who need assistance because of activity limitations is expected to grow substantially during the next decades; and

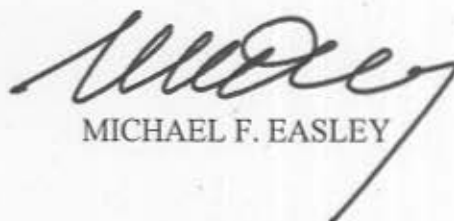
WHEREAS, North Carolina's caregivers are diverse in their characteristics and circumstances but share the common goal of enabling their family member or friend to function in the community whenever possible and should be able to enter into care giving with the knowledge and assurance that they can call upon the business, faith, and health and human service communities to assist with information, counseling, respite, and formal services when needed; and

WHEREAS, many businesses are realizing the value in providing support to employees who are family caregivers because family care giving often comes with great personal sacrifice in terms of job and financial security, social life, and physical, mental and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, the area agencies on aging, and many other human service agencies are committed to increasing the awareness of caregivers' needs and continue to work to meet these needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2008, to be "FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to this State to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who are helping our older and disabled citizens. Support of family caregivers is not only the right thing to do but also an essential investment for the future of North Carolina's long-term care system.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.